Programme, currently under implementation throughout the country as a centrally sponsored scheme with the following components:—

* Preventive interventions for high risk populations through targeted interventions adopting a multi-pronged strategy including peer counseling and behaviour change communication.
* Preventive interventions for the general population through programmes for blood safety, voluntry counseling and testing services, information education and communication (IEC) and awareness building among adolescents and sensitization for the AIDS Vaccine Initiative.
* Provision of low cost care and support services by providing community care services, treatment of opportunistic infections and prevention of occupational exposure.
* Collaborative efforts to promote inter-sectoral programme activities including workplace interventions and public-private partnerships.
* Build technical and managerial capacities for programme implementation through Surveillance, Training, Monitoring and Evaluation, Technical resource groups, operational research and Programme management.

Mustard Oil

1910. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recent research has revealed that the mustard oil has been found to be the most superior edible oil to all other cooking medium and is the cure-all for life-style illness;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to carry out any special campaign to create awareness among the people in order to make them health conscious; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) According to Indian Council of Medical Research, no single oil is either most superior to all other cooking media or can it be a cure for all life style illness. Lifestyle illnesses are due to multiple factors including faulty dietary habits. One of the dietary components which affects these disease is the quantity and type of edible oil consumed. Edible oil contains various proportions of fatty acids. To derive the maximum nutritional and health benefits of alpha-linoleic acid (n-3) present in mustard/rapeseed oil and reduce erucic acid intake, the Indian Council of Medical Research's National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad has recommended the use of mustard oil along with any other vegetable oil of choice.

National Institute of Nutrition under the Indian Council of Medical Research from time to time issue books/pamphlets and simple messages for creating awareness among the people in order to make them health conscious.

New Post-Graduate courses in Medical Colleges in Karnataka

1911. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Medical Colleges in Karnataka who have applied for starting new post-graduate courses;

(b) the names of such Colleges and the courses applied for by them;

(c) whether inspection has been conducted for sanction of new postgraduate courses in these colleges; and

(d) if so, the deficiencies pointed out by the inspector, college-wise and course wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The names of the Medical colleges in Karnataka who have sought the permission of the Central. Government for starting new Postgraduate courses are given in Statement-I *(See* below). The Proposal of Kasturba Medical College, Manipal has been returned to the applicant as it was not fulfilling the qualifying criteria of Medical Council of India's PG Regulations, 2000.